

# INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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## LESSON FOR APRIL 9

### AENEAS AND DORCAS.

LESSON TEXT—Acts 9:32-43. (See also Prov. 3:10-31.)  
GOLDEN TEXT—In all things showing thyself an ensample of good works.—Titus 2:7.

Step by step the Gospel can be traced, spreading itself, but "beginning at Jerusalem." Paul's conversion is one of the greatest evidences of Christianity. The two miracles of today's lesson are additional evidence that it is of God.

I. At Lydda (vs. 32-35). Caligula, emperor of Rome in A. D. 39, ordered his statue to be erected in Jerusalem that he might be worshiped as a god there as elsewhere. The excitement and conflict which arose in opposition to this sacrifice lasted for two years, during which time Christian persecutions ceased. Following Saul's visit at Jerusalem, and during this time of quiet, Peter made this tour of visitation. Lydda (modern Ludd) is about twenty-five miles northwest of Jerusalem. Here dwelt certain saints (v. 32) literally "holy ones," converted disciples of Christ, not ones of special honor, for all who are members of the body of Christ, are "saints" (Phil. 1:1). Here also dwelt Aeneas, "a certain man," possibly not a believer, but having great need (v. 26:32; 10:1, 14; 8; 9:10), and of years standing (v. 33). Notice Luke, the physician's careful record. Peter must have seen many such, yet this man is one Peter "found"; he was evidently looking for him. Peter's pity was not sentimental but practical and his words powerful, for back of them was the Living and Powerful Christ. He knew who could work a cure. The long weariness to be relieved. Yet those days of illness gave time for meditation and probably prepared the man's heart to respond in faith to Peter's words. Peter does not attract attention to himself, but rather to Jesus. His was but to be the instrument of the cure. The healing was a means to an end, for when those who dwell in Lydda and Sharon (v. 35) heard of the miracle, or saw this healed man, it was to them a demonstration of the power of the risen Christ, and they "turned to the Lord" (v. 35). There is no comparing Peter with modern "healers." Peter's words and actions were a living demonstration, not for profit, of the power of Jesus in his life and testimony.

II. At Joppa (vs. 36-43). Joppa was the only seaport the Jews ever possessed for themselves. It was and is still a rather insignificant town, and now marks the beginning of the railroad leading to Jerusalem, 35 miles distant. No name is recorded of any of its rich or prominent citizens, only that of an humble woman. The record of her life, however, is inspiring (v. 36), and her name is a common one adopted by organizations of women. Like her master her life was full of "good deeds"; like him she was not ministered unto, but ministered. This is real greatness and it is open to all of us. Her name "Tabitha" (Hebrew), Dorcas (Greek), means gazelle, which in the East is a favorite type of beauty. This "certain disciple" was beautiful in life as well, for she was first a believer, then a doer. We believe in order to do, not do in order to believe. This woman is an example of the wise and capable woman mentioned in Prov. 31:10-31, a picture well worth studying in these days of the "feminist movement." She is a good type to be followed by church women, and by us all in the fact that her reputation rested upon deeds "which she did" (v. 36), not ones she was about to do, nor did she wait for some great opportunity of service. The life of Dorcas reveals one of the causes of the triumph of Christianity in the Roman empire. It was a source of wonder that those early Christians should so love each other. The reason why Dorcas was allowed to die lies in the providence of God. He loved his work and this recorded incident has served to raise up multitudes of other Dorcas. Her death also reveals that being "full of good works and alms deeds" does not exempt his servants from sickness and death, and that God evidently has other purposes in sickness than to chastise our sin or to humble our pride (John 9:3; II Kings 13:14). The friends of Dorcas were folks of faith, for as yet there was no case of apostolic power to raise the dead so far as we know, and it was now about ten years after the resurrection of Christ. Peter followed the example of his Lord (Luke 8:2, 54), dismissed all spectators and "prayed" (v. 40). The way to revive a dead pastor, church, school, personal experience, or person "dead in trespasses and sins," is by prayer. Peter also did as he had seen his Master do to his mother-in-law (Mark 1:30, 31), and gave Dorcas his hand to help her arise.

This gave an opportunity for fruitful work among the converts (v. 41) and the enlistment of many new believers (v. 42), so that Peter abode in Joppa for some time in the house of "Simon, a tanner."

## GO TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

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### SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND THE WAR.

THERE are tens of thousands of earnest, professed Christians in the trenches of Europe today. The demands of governments have been met by the leading Christian workers of the countries involved in this war. The church, the Y. M. C. A., the Bible societies, in fact every organization, is seeking to meet the extraordinary situation which now exists.

Evangelism is being aggressively carried on and the field force of the Young Men's Christian Association, to the best of its resources, is taking advantage of this opportunity to advance to the bodily and spiritual needs of the armies of Europe. Sunday school work such as we know in America is not known in Europe, for they do not have such prominent men identified with the work, especially on the continent, nor has the adult division work made any great headway. Therefore this movement, as such, in Europe, is not making much of an impression in this world crisis.

It has remained for American Sunday school leaders to make a definite contribution. This has taken the form of a move to furnish every soldier in the trenches with a copy of the New Testament. Some leading American Christian business men have so underwritten this work as to allow every cent contributed actually to be expended on the field. In other words a million nickels collected from the Sunday school scholars of America delivered one million pocket testaments among the soldiers of Europe.

The war has affected the world's Sunday school work so much so that the work in South America and in Moslem lands is now being entirely supported and directed by the American workers. Mr. Frank J. Brown of New York, the head, The Tokyo World's convention of October, 1916, has also been delayed until a proper time after the war has closed.

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**Guaranteed.**  
Mother (to district health visitor)—I declare to goodness, miss, there ain't no danger of infection. Them children wot's got the measles is at the head of the bed, and them wot ain't is at the foot.—Spokane Review.

**THE ROAD NOT TAKEN.**  
TWO roads diverged in a yellow wood,  
And sorry I could not travel both  
And be one traveler; long I stood  
And looked down one as far as I could  
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

THEN took the other, as just as fair,  
And having perhaps the better claim  
Because it was grassy and wanted wear,  
Though as for that the passing there  
Had worn them really about the same.

AND both that morning equally lay  
In leaves no step had trodden black.  
Oh, I marked the first for another day!  
Yet knowing how way leads on to way  
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I SHALL be telling this with a sigh  
Somewhere ages and ages hence;  
Two roads diverged in a wood and I—  
I took the one less traveled by,  
And that has made all the difference.  
—Robert Frost.

### THE CHARMING WIDOW.

SHE is modest, but not bashful;  
Free and easy, but not bold;  
Like an apple, ripe and mellow;  
Not too young and not too old;

Half inviting, half repelling;  
Now advancing and now shy;  
There is mischief in her dimples,  
There is danger in her eyes.

She has studied human nature,  
She is schooled in all her arts;  
She has taken her diploma  
As the mistress of all hearts.  
She can tell the very moment  
When to sigh and when to smile.  
Oh, a maid is sometimes charming,  
But the widow all the while!

Are you sad, how very serious  
Will her handsome face become!  
Are you angry, she is wretched,  
Lonely, friendless, tearful, dumb.  
Are you mirthful, how her laughter,  
Silver sounding, will ring out!  
She can lure and catch and play  
You  
As the angler does the trout.

You old bachelors of forty,  
Who have grown so bold and wise;  
Young Americans of twenty,  
With the love look in your eyes,  
You may practice all your lessons  
Taught by Cupid since the fall,  
But I know a charming widow  
Who can win and fool you all.  
—Jack Remington.

### A PROPHECY.

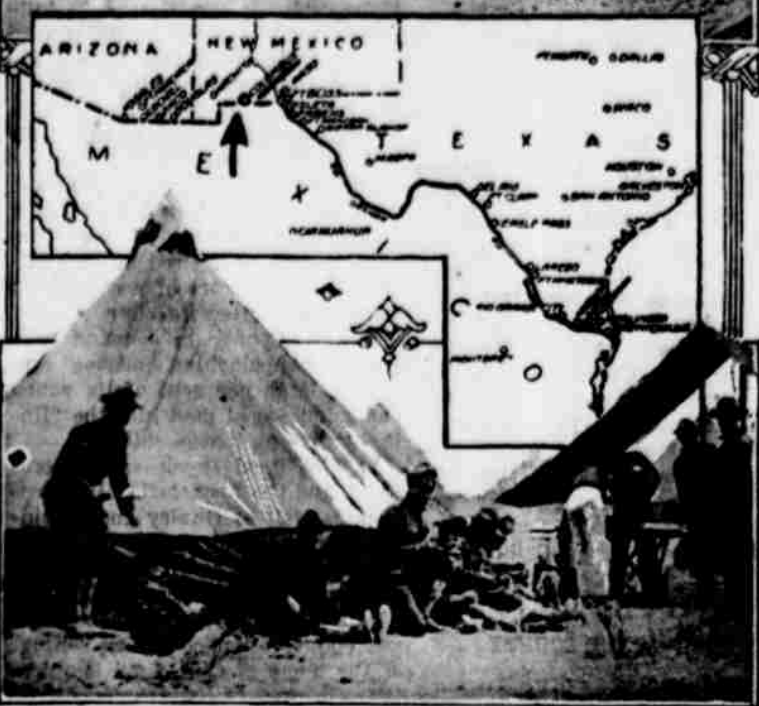
CARRIAGES without horses shall go,  
And accidents fill the world with woe.  
Around the world thoughts will fly  
In the twinkling of an eye.

Waters shall yet more wonders do,  
Now strange, shall yet be true,  
The world upside down shall be,  
And gold shall be found at the root of trees.  
Through hills men shall ride,  
And no horse nor ass be at his side,  
Under water men shall walk,  
Shall ride, shall sleep, shall talk.  
In the air men shall be seen  
In white, in black, in green the fall,  
Iron in the water shall float  
As easy as a wooden boat.  
Gold shall be found 'mid stones  
In a land that's now unknown.  
Fire and water shall wonders do,  
England shall at last admit a Jew.  
And this world to an end shall come  
In eighteen hundred and eighty-one.  
—Mother Shipton, 1486-1506.

### LABOR LOST.

YOU may write a lot of verses  
That you'll never see in print;  
You may tell a bore you're busy,  
But he'll never take the hint.  
—Selected.

## VILLA CAUGHT TROOPS OFF GUARD



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In seeking to give some explanation of the ease with which Villa and his band attacked the American town of Columbus, N. M., General Scott, chief of staff, says that there had been no trouble at Columbus in three years and that undoubtedly our troops were taken off their guard. They were greatly outnumbered by Villa's men.

## Literature for Rural Schools

(Continued from Last Week)

### FIFTH GRADE XII. Songs

1. Barbara Allen.
2. I've Wandered today to the Hills.
3. Old Black Joe.
4. Massa's in de Cold, Cold Ground.
5. Pretty Polly.
6. The Widow by the Sea.
7. All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name.
8. America.
9. My Old Kentucky Home.
10. Stars of the Summer Night.
11. The Quilting Party.
12. Love's Old Sweet Song.
13. Juanita.
14. Sunshine in the Soul.
15. Loch Lomond.
16. On the Tombigbee River.

### SIXTH GRADE I. Famous Stories

1. Rip Van Winkle.—Irving.
2. Legend of Sleepy Hollow.—Irving.
3. A Christmas Carol.—Dickens.
4. The King of the Golden River.—Ruskin.
5. Heidi (by Spyri).
6. The Nurnberg Stove (Ouida).
7. Daddy Jake, the Runaway (Harris).
8. Old Pipes and the Dryad.—Stockton.
9. A Man Without a Country.—Hale.

### II. Introducing Great Books

1. Spring in Kentucky (Ky. Cardinal.—Allen).
2. The Tournament (Ivanhoe).
3. Football at Rugby (Tom Brown's School Days).
4. The Shipwreck (David Copperfield).
5. The Legend of the Moor's Legacy (Alhambra).
6. John Ridd's Adventure (Lorna Doon).
7. The Sugar Camp (Being a Boy.—Warner).

### III. Tales of Ancient Heroes

1. Church's Stories from Homer:
  - a. Deeds and Death of Patroclus.
  - b. The Death of Hector.
  - c. Stories of Ulysses.
2. The Story of Perseus.
3. Siegfried and Brunhilda.
4. Norse Stories.—H. W. Mabie.
5. William Tell.
6. Bullfinch's Age of Chivalry:
  - a. Story of Perceval (Ch. 18).
  - b. Story of the San Greal (Holy Grail, Chs. 19, 20, 21).

### IV. Adventure and Heroism

1. Kit Carson (Children's Hour, VIII: 3).
2. David Crockett.
3. The Voyage to Lilliput.—Swift.
4. Robin Hood.
5. Judson in Burmah (Ch. VIII: 240).
6. The Lion and the Missionary (Ch. VIII: 236).
7. Stanley in Africa (Ch. VIII: 260).
8. A Bear Hunt in the Smokies (Ch. IV. Our So. High-landers).—Kephart).

### V. Animal Stories

1. Monarch, the Great Bear.—Seton.
2. The Ways of Woodfolk.—Long.
3. Christmas Eve with Satan.—Fox.
4. Lobo, Rag, and Vixen.—Seton.
5. A Little Brother to the Bear.—Long.
6. The Call of the Wild.—London.

### VI. Bible Stories, Golden Deeds, Etc.

1. The Story of Samson.
2. The Story of Paul.
3. The Story of Jacob.
4. Arnold Winkelried.
5. Florence Nightengale.
6. Joan of Arc.
7. Parables of the sower, Matt. 13; Mark 4; Luke 8.
8. Parables of the vineyard, Matt. 20.
9. Parable of the tares, Matt. 13:24ff.
10. Parables of the fig tree, Matt. 24; Mark 13; Luke 21.

### VII. Proverbs and Other Quotations

1. If you are angry count ten before you speak; if very angry, count a hundred.
2. For want of a nail a shoe was lost, for want of a shoe the horse was lost, for want of a horse the rider was lost.
3. He that doth not save pennies will never have dollars.

## Questions Answered

**BEREA, FRIEND OF WORKING STUDENTS.** Berea College with its affiliated schools, is not a money-making institution. It requires certain fees, but it expends many thousands of dollars each year for the benefit of its students, giving highest advantages at lowest cost, and arranging as far as possible for students to earn and save in every way.

**OUR SCHOOL IS LIKE A FAMILY,** with careful regulations to protect the character and reputation of the young people. Our students come from the best families and are earnest to do well and improve. For any who may be sick the College provides doctor and nurse without extra charge.

All except those with parents in Berea live in College buildings, and many assist in work of boarding hall, farm and shops, receiving valuable training and getting pay according to the value of their labor. Except in winter it is expected that all will have a chance to earn a part of their expenses. Write to the Secretary before coming to secure employment.

**PERSONAL EXPENSES** for clothing, laundry, postage, books, etc., vary with different people. Berea favors plain clothing. Our climate is the best, but as students must attend classes regardless of the weather, warm wraps and underclothing, umbrellas and overcoats are necessary. **THE CO-OPERATIVE STORE** furnishes books, toilet articles, work uniforms, umbrellas and other necessary articles at cost.

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**SCHOOL FEES** are two. First a "DOLLAR DEPOSIT," as guarantee for return of room key, library books, etc. This is paid but once, and is returned when the student departs.

Second an "INCIDENTAL FEE" to help on expenses for care of school buildings, hospital, library, etc. (Students pay nothing for tuition or service of teachers—all our instruction is a free gift). The Incidental Fee for Foundation and Vocational students is \$5.00 a term; in Academy and Normal \$6.00 and \$7.00 in Collegiate course.

**PAYMENT MUST BE IN ADVANCE,** incidental fee and room rent by the term, board by the half term. Installments are as follows:

	SPRING TERM *VOCATIONAL AND FOUNDATION SCHOOLS	ACADEMY AND NORMAL	COLLEGE
Incidental Fee .....	\$ 5.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 7.00
Room .....	4.00	5.00	5.00
Board, 5 weeks .....	6.75	6.75	6.75
Amount due March 29, 1916....	\$15.75	\$17.75	\$18.75
Board 5 weeks, due May 3, 1916	6.75	6.75	6.75
Total for term .....	\$22.50	\$24.50	\$25.50

Applicants must bring or send a testimonial showing that they are above 15 years old, in good health, and of good character. This may be signed by some former Berea student or some reliable teacher or neighbor. The use of tobacco is strictly forbidden.

Spring Term opens March 29th. Hurry! If you don't get in at the beginning of the term it will be too late to enter classes this Spring. Don't come unless room is engaged by a dollar sent to your friend, the Secretary.

\*Commerce extra fees. See cata-log pages 39 and 39.

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4. He who loses money loses much; he who loses a friend loses more; but he who loses courage loses all.
5. When you cut an oak tree down  
Plant an acorn in the ground;  
It will grow into a tree  
For your own posterity.
6. There may be salvation by grace for the farmer, but there must be salvation by grease for the farmer's tools.
7. A bad thing is costly at any price.
8. Never put your wishbone where your backbone ought to be.

### VIII. Poetry

1. The Gladness of Nature.—Bryant.
2. Daffodils.—Wordsworth.
3. The Inchnage Rock.—Southey.
4. Oh Little Town of Bethlehem.—Brooks.
5. The Grasshopper and the Cricket.—Keats, also by Leigh Hunt.
7. The Huskers.—Whittier.
8. The Song of the Chattahoochee.—Lanier.
9. The Flag Goes By.—Bennett.
10. The Cloud.—Shelley.
11. Love of Country.—Scott.
12. Sandalphon.—Longfellow.
13. Horatius at the Bridge.—Macaulay.
14. Green River.—Bryant.
15. A Day of Sunshine.—Longfellow.
16. Lord Ullin's Daughter.—Campbell.
17. The Legend Beautiful.—Longfellow.
18. For A' That and A' That.—Burns.
19. Columbus.—Miller.
20. The Burial of Moses.—Mrs. Alexander.
21. The Star-Spangled Banner.—Key.
22. The Chambered Nautilus.—Holmes.
23. Psalms 24, 100, 121.
24. Darius Green and his Flying Machine.—Trowbridge.
25. Thanksgiving.—Emerson.
26. Lochinvar.—Scott.
27. Paul Revere's Ride.—Longfellow.
28. How They Brought the Good News.—Browning.
29. John Gilpin's Ride.—Cowper.
30. The Song of Marion's Men.—Bryant.
31. The Skeleton in Armor.—Longfellow.

### IX. Plays and Games

1. Relay Races.
2. Group Races.
3. Track Events.
4. Prisoner's Base.
5. Three Deep.
6. Duck-on-the-Rock.
7. Fish Net.
8. Thread the Needle.
9. Jump the Rope.
10. Continuation of the Singing Games.

### X. Pictures

1. The Last Supper.—DeVinci.
2. The Lake.—Corot.
3. The Sistine Madonna.—Raphael.
4. The Statue of Moses.—Michael Angelo.
5. The Windmill.—Ruydael.
6. Sir Galahad.—Watts.
7. Brittany Sheep.—Bonheur.
8. The Angelus.—Millet.
9. Lincoln Monument.—Saint Gaudens.

### XI. Songs

1. My Old Kentucky Home.
2. Sewanee River.
3. Flow Gently, Sweet Afton.
4. America.
5. The Star-Spangled Banner.
6. Lead, Kindly Light.
7. Battle Hymn of the Republic.
8. Swing Low, Sweet Chariot.
9. Were You There?
10. My Heart's in the Highlands.
11. Sweet and Low.
12. Holy, Holy, Holy.